GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1294
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e-Postal Ballots
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has proposed any "Amendment to Conduct of election Rules 1961" regarding e-postal ballots in the near future;
(b) if so, the details thereof, and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE AND ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI P.P.CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): Rule 23 of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 has been amended on 21st October, 2016 providing that the postal ballot paper may be transmitted by the Returning Officer by such electronic means as may be specified by the Election Commission for Defence Personnel and other service voters as mentioned in section 20 (8) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.